

Michael F. Easley Governor

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## EASLEY REAPPOINTS THREE TO MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMISSION

**Raleigh** - Gov. Mike Easley has reappointed Judy Lewis of Charlotte, Martha R. Macon of Kannapolis and Fredrica T. Stell of Whiteville to the North Carolina Commission for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services.

Lewis has been a commission member since 1997. She is a part time coordinator for the Metrolina Disability Network, which includes advocacy groups and service providers for mental health and developmental disabilities. She has worked as a special education teacher and served as the executive director of the Association of Retarded Citizens. Lewis received her bachelor's degree from Limestone College, her master's degrees in education and administration/supervision from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Macon has been a commission member since 1997. She currently serves on the Arc of Cabarrus County, Piedmont's Client Rights Committee and serves as chairman of the Cabarrus County Group Homes board of directors. She is part owner in a real estate company. Macon received her bachelor's degree in early childhood education from UNC Greensboro and her master's degree in special education from UNC Chapel Hill. She is the mother of a child with Down syndrome.

Stell has been a commission member since 1998. Previously, she worked for the Whiteville City Schools for more than 30 years. She serves on the Whiteville City Planning and Zoning board and is secretary of the Columbus County Theatre Association. Stell attended Southeastern Community College and Coker College. She is the mother of a child with chronic schizophrenia and epilepsy.

The commission is the rule making authority for public and private mental health, developmental disabilities and substance abuse programs in North Carolina. There are 30 members on the board, each serving a three-year term. The governor appoints 24 members.